

**HOPE**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
June 14, 2026 10:30 a.m.



*Angels Unawares by Timothy Schmalz*

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

RINGING THE BELL

WELCOME AND MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" Arr. Clay Christiansen

*(\*) Indicates that all are invited to stand*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (1)**

One: As Abraham welcomed the strangers

**All: So God welcomes us.**

One: God greets us with joy

**All: and says, "rest here for awhile."**

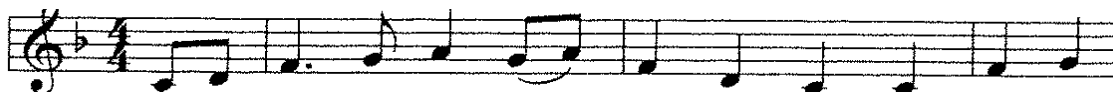
One: God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.

**All: God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.**

One: So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.

**All: Let us rest in this holy place!**

\*GATHERING HYMN "Let Us Build a House" #301 *Glory to God Hymnal vv.1-4 only*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and



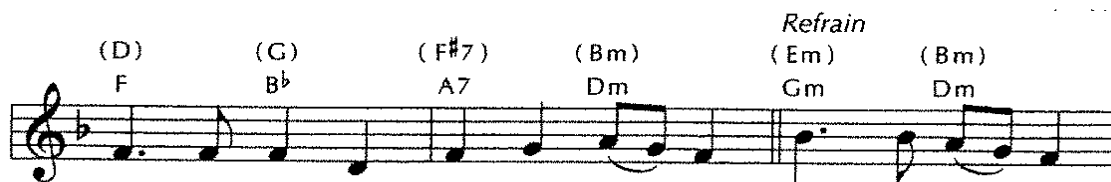
safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell  
 strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek  
 wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground  
 wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,  
 vi - sions heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we  
 strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us  
 laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (2)

God of endless grace, we confess that we do not know how to look for you.

**We do not sense your nearness, and if there are angels among us, we are unaware.**

We do not always show the hospitality to strangers that Abraham showed to you.

**O Covenant-keeper, forgive us.**

Let us laugh with joy because your grace has made peace among us. (*silent confession*)

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Trust the good news of the Gospel: through God's grace, we are forgiven and made new.

**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE "Let Us Build a House" v.5

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard**

**And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.**

**Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;**

**Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**all are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

CONVERSATION WITH OUR CHILDREN

**LISTENING**

*God speaks to us in the Word proclaimed.*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 18:1-15

Pew Bible p.12

A Word of God that is still speaking, **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Sarah Fredriksen McCann

SILENT MEDITATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant” #539 *New Century Hymnal*  
(For full music, the *New Century Hymnal* is located in each pew rack)

**Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other, go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.**

**Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

### **RESPONDING**

*We respond to God’s Word through our prayers and our gifts.*

**NAMING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY** “Meditation in F” Alexander Guilmant  
(A QR code at the end of the bulletin is available for online giving.)

**\* DOXOLOGY #781 *New Century Hymnal***

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

\*COMMISSIONING HYMN: "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" #76 New Century Hymnal  
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**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended,  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

\*COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Intermezzo in C" Hermann Schroeder

### **SENDING**

*With God's blessing, we are sent forth to follow Christ in the world.*

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#### Worship Endnotes

- (1) Adapted from [www.re-worship.logspot.com](http://www.re-worship.logspot.com)
- (2) Adapted from [www.reformedworship.org](http://www.reformedworship.org)

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